

# COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

Prevention Strategies and Resources



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POLICE**

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## REPORT A BURGLARY



Call **911** when a crime is in progress or you need an immediate officer response.



Call **651-291-1111** to request an SPPD response in a non-emergency situation.



File an **online police report** by scanning the **QR code** or visiting **stpaul.gov/police**.

## EXTERIOR OF BUILDING

- Ensure landscaping is well maintained. Shrubs should be trimmed to 3-feet or lower and not near the main entry into the building.
- Areas of concealment should be eliminated – fence off areas or use landscaping to eliminate hiding areas.
- Windows should be free of obstructions so employees can see street activity and people can see employees.
- Parking areas should be visible from the street or business. If not, invest in installing surveillance cameras.
- Fences that allow activity to be seen in your yard are preferable to privacy fences.

## LIGHTING

- Lighting should provide soft, even light where you can see 25-feet around you. This should be present on all side of the building.
- Lights should be installed above all entryways and on a timer or set for dusk to dawn.
- Any recessed areas should be lit.
- Some interior lights should be left on overnight.
- Address should be lit so emergency vehicles can easily locate your business at night.

## DOORS AND WINDOWS

- Doors and windows should be made of security glass or laminate glass.
- Exterior doors should be solid core construction with deadbolt locks with 1-inch throw and a heavy-duty strike plate fastened with at least four 3-inch screws.
- Front glass doors should have a security plate to cover lock and strike plate area.

## SECURITY SYSTEM

- Ensure surveillance cameras are good quality with high picture or video resolution.
- Ensure camera footage can be easily shared or accessed by police if needed.
- Ensure all staff knows how to use your security systems. Make sure to have staff regularly practice.

## RESOURCES

We know that as a business owner, you have made a major investment in our city. We want to help you protect your investment as best as possible. We are happy to provide you with a copy of our **commercial self-assessment tool** or schedule a **premise survey** (walk through of your business by officers with a report on how to improve security). Contact our Crime Prevention Specialist Patty Lammers at **651-266-5455** or **patricia.lammers@stpaul.gov**.